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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to calculating the national fee, and prior to examination in the National Phase of the above-identified International application, please amend as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

4. (Amended) Optical compensator according to claim 1, characterized in that the average tilt angle  $\theta_{ave}$  in said O plate retarder is from 2 to 88°.

5. (Amended) Optical compensator according to claim 1, characterized in that the tilt angle in said O plate retarder varies monotonously in a direction perpendicular to the plane of the film from a minimum value  $\theta_{min}$  at one surface of the film to a maximum value  $\theta_{max}$  at the opposite surface of the film.

7. (Amended) Optical compensator according to claim 5, characterized in that  $\theta_{max}$  is from 10 to 90°.